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SENATE BILL 5767

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By Senators Hatfield and Hobbs

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1 AN ACT Relating to inspection of dairy cattle; amending RCW  
2 16.57.160; and repealing RCW 16.57.303.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.57.160 and 2011 c 204 s 13 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director may adopt rules:

7 (a) Designating any point for mandatory inspection of cattle or  
8 horses or the furnishing of proof that cattle or horses passing or  
9 being transported through the point have been inspected or identified  
10 and are lawfully being transported;

11 (b) Providing for issuance of individual horse and cattle  
12 identification certificates or other means of horse and cattle  
13 identification;

14 (c) Designating the documents that constitute other satisfactory  
15 proof of ownership for cattle and horses. A bill of sale may not be  
16 designated as documenting satisfactory proof of ownership for cattle;  
17 and

18 (d) Designating when inspection certificates, certificates of  
19 permit, or other transportation documents required by law or rule must

1 designate a physical address of a destination. Cattle and horses must  
2 be delivered or transported directly to the physical address of that  
3 destination.

4 (2) A self-inspection certificate may be accepted as satisfactory  
5 proof of ownership for cattle if the director determines that the self-  
6 inspection certificate, together with other available documentation,  
7 sufficiently establishes ownership. Self-inspection certificates  
8 completed after June 10, 2010, are not satisfactory proof of ownership  
9 for cattle.

10 (3)(a) Upon request by a milk producer licensed under chapter 15.36  
11 RCW, the department must issue a tag to be placed by the producer  
12 before the first point of sale on bull calves and free martins  
13 (infertile female calves) under thirty days of age. The fee for each  
14 tag is the cost to the department for manufacture and purchase of the  
15 tag plus the applicable beef commission assessment. The tag may be  
16 referred to as a "green tag."

17 (b) Transactions involving unbranded dairy breed bull calves or  
18 free martins (infertile female calves) not being moved or transported  
19 out of Washington are exempt from inspection requirements under this  
20 chapter only if:

21 (i) The animal is under thirty days old and has not been previously  
22 bought or sold;

23 (ii) The seller holds a valid milk producer's license under chapter  
24 15.36 RCW;

25 (iii) The sale does not take place at or through a public livestock  
26 market or special sale authorized by chapter 16.65 RCW; and

27 (iv) Each animal is officially identified as provided in (a) of  
28 this subsection.

29 (c) Under this subsection (3), a certificate of permit and a bill  
30 of sale listing each animal's individual official identification must  
31 accompany the animal to the buyer's location. These documents do not  
32 constitute proof of ownership under this chapter.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 16.57.303 (Proceeds from sale of  
34 impounded dairy breed cattle--Paid to seller) and 2003 c 326 s 37 are  
35 each repealed.

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